THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No formal protest from the farmers organisations against this has been received by Government. However, media has carried some favourable/unfavourable report on the proposed import of wheat.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above. The total cost involved in the proposed import of 5.00 lakh MTs of wheat is Rs. 400 crores (approximately).

(c) As the Government is not to compromise in the matter of food security, it has been decided to augment the domestic availability of wheat through import.

Use of prefix "National Institute* by Private Institutes

1979. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of private management and engineering institutes bear the prefix "National Institute" or "Indian Institutes" making the gullible public believe that such institutes enjoy Government participation or patronage;

(b) whether such practice is a clear violation of the provisions of the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1982; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken against such institutes and stop this practice which is otherwise dilating the credibility of internationally reputed Government managed IITs and IIMs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) It has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain institutions are prefixing the word Indian and National which is not permitted in terms of Section 3 of the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950.

(b) The use of prefix such as "National Institute" or "Indian Institute"

are not expressly banned under The Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950. However, the Act requires the prior permission of the Central Government for using any name which may suggest or be calculated to suggest the patronage of Government of India, State Governments and local authorities.

(c) The Government has already written to all the Chief Secretaries of States/UTs to ensure that such practices are stopped forthwith. The All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), through their Approval Process Handbook has been bringing to the notice to all concerned that the use of word Indian/National by any Institutions without its approval shall not be allowed. The AICTE through public notice is also advising all approved Institutions to change their names by dropping the word 'Indian and National etc' failing which, it may withdraw its approval.

Sale of PDS wheat in open market

t1980. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINOER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat and rice allotted under the public distribution system are sold on the black-market price in the open market instead being sold through the public distribution system;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have collected information from each State in this regard;

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether Government are considering to formulate any policy with regard to prevention of such a countrywide scam; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.